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ENTERING OF WILD ANIMALS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been incidents of wild animals particularly tiger and elephant entering the residential areas in several States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to protect the people from the wild animals and also to rehabilitate such wild animals?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b) Straying of wild animals, including tiger and elephant, in residential areas/ villages have come to light, time and again. However, details of day-to-day instances in this regard are not collated at the Government of India Level.

(c) Funding support under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Schemes (Project Elephant, Project Tiger, Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries) is provided to States for mitigation of such man-wild animal conflicts, and to rehabilitate the strayed wild animals. These measures, interalia, include:

(i) Erection of solar fences for preventing entry of wild elephants;

(ii) Creation of elephant proof trenches;

(iii) Deployment of antidepradation squads for chasing away problematic animals;

(iv) Deployment of rescue team to capture strayed carnivores for their release/rehabilitation;

(v) Deployment of monitoring teams.